



DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
LICENSING/CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



QUALIFIED APPLICATOR CERTIFICATE

VALID THROUGH

(Silver-colored DPR logo)

Who Needs It?

Any person who uses or supervises the use of federally restricted use pesticides or State restricted materials for any purpose or on any property other than that provided by the definition of “private applicator” (3CCR section 6000). This certificate is also required by anyone who is in the business of landscape maintenance and performs pest control that is incidental to such business. In this situation, the Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) holder would have to possess the Landscape Maintenance Pest Control Category on their certificate, and obtain a Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License.

What’s Required?

- Submit an application fee of \$25.00 (FAC section 14152).
- Pass the Laws and Regulations Examination and at least one pest control category examination. The pest control categories available under this certificate are as follows (FAC section 14153):
 - A. Residential, Industrial, and Institutional
 - B. Landscape Maintenance
 - C. Right-of-Way
 - D. Plant Agriculture
 - E. Forest
 - F. Aquatic
 - G. Regulatory
 - H. Seed Treatment
 - I. Animal Agriculture
 - J. Demonstration and Research
 - K. Health Related
 - L. Wood Preservative (Subcategories of A and/or C)
 - M. Antifouling Tributyltin (Subcategory of A)
 - N. Sewer Line Root Control (Subcategory of A)
 - Q. Maintenance Gardener (Subcategory of B)

Additional Requirements!

- Accumulate at least 20 hours of approved continuing education every two years before certificate renewal. Four of the 20 hours must cover the topic of pesticide laws and regulations (3CCR section 6511).
- QAC holders who have only the Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Category (Category Q) and who currently possess a valid Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License, only need eight hours of approved continuing education. Two of the eight hours must cover the topic of pesticides and pest control laws and regulations (3CCR section 6511).

References: Food and Agricultural Code Sections 11704, 14151 - 14155 and
Title 3, California Code of Regulations Section 6000.